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Dear Friends,

September 12, 2004

Last week I hosted the Governor & Council meeting in Keene (at Cheshire Medical Center-Dartmouth Hitchcock Keene) where we heard briefings on the on-the-ground impact of Medicaid expansion from CMC leadership as well as representatives from Charlestown Family Medicine and the Bi-State Primary Care Association.

Additionally, as part of an ongoing efficiency reform project the Council finalized plans to expand a consent calendar at the beginning of Council meetings and to vote at our next meeting on a proposal to raise the threshold for which contracts the Council reviews (up to \$10k for personal service contracts and \$25k for other contracts). I've laid out my argument in favor of this move – in short, to cut state government waste and add scrutiny to larger expenditures – [in an op/ed column here](#).

At last week's meeting, Council approvals included:

IN CENTRAL NH: a study of expanding the McKenna House in Concord for homeless individuals; final design contracts for rebuilding redlisted I-93 bridges in Northfield & Tilton; transfer of management of the Gerrish Depot in Boscawen to the state Resources & Econ Dev Dept for rehabilitation & restoration; archeological research in Sunapee State Park; grit disposal services in Franklin; and roof replacements at the Concord District Court, State Archives, and State House Annex.

IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH: Microenterprise lending grant for Cheshire & Sullivan counties; homeless support via Southwestern Community Services; reconstruction of 1,000 feet of Rt 63 along Spofford Lake in Chesterfield; a new master plan study for the Dillant-Hopkins Airport in Keene; and natural hazard mitigation in Marlow.

IN STRAFFORD CO: Microenterprise lending grant for Strafford County; mitigation payment for aquatic impacts to the Piscataqua River, North Mill Road, associated tidal wetlands and tidal buffer zones, and an isolated fresh water wetland; a grant to the Children's Museum of NH in Dover; a grant for Soak Up the Rain Great Bay; public water system management support in Dover; a grant from aquatic mitigation fund to Strafford Rivers Conservancy; expansion of Rochester water system loan by \$250k; and hazard mitigation planning grant for Madbury.

STATEWIDE: Included pharmacy benefits management in the recent state Medicaid expansion; grant for Critical Access Hospitals; and an operating agreement with the Milford-Bennington Railroad Co.

APPOINTMENTS: See below for full list.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, Sept 17 at the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, NH. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at cvanostern@nh.gov or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

[FULL 9/3 AGENDA](#)

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

[#4](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with the County of Merrimack, Boscawen, NH, for the purpose of conducting an expansion study that will benefit the McKenna House, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$12,000. Effective September 3, 2014 through December 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#26](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with Fay, Spofford & Thorndike LLC, Bedford, NH, for the final design efforts for the rehabilitation of the Red Listed bridges carrying I-93 northbound and southbound over the Winnepesaukee River between the Towns of Northfield and Tilton, for a total amount not to exceed \$550,323.89. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2017. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#27](#) Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to transfer ownership and management of the Gerrish Depot on the Northern Railroad in Boscawen, NH to the Department of Resources and Economic Development at no cost for rehabilitation, historic preservation, and management as a recreational facility. Effective upon G&C approval.

[#77](#) Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a contract with Hartgen Archeological Associates Inc., Rensselaer, NY, for the research and preparation of a Phase 1 Archeological Sensitivity Assessment for the grounds around a building referred to as the "Sunapee Schoolhouse" located at Sunapee State Park, in the amount of \$4,900. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2014. **100% Conservation Plate Funds (Agency Income).**

[#89](#) Authorized to amend a **retroactive sole source** contract with the City of Franklin, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 5-17-06, item #70), for residual (grit) disposal services, by increasing the amount by \$23,000 from \$26,900 to \$51,900. Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018. **100% WRBP Funds.**

[#130](#) Authorized the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with Rockwell Roofing Inc., Leominster, MA, for the roof replacement projects – Concord District Court, NH Records & Archives Building and NH State House Annex, Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$704,500. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$75,000 for unanticipated cap flashing replacement and masonry repairs on the NH State House Annex, bringing the total to \$779,500. Effective upon G&C approval through November 7, 2014. **100% Operating – General Funds.** (3) Further Authorized the amount of \$540 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$780,040. **100% Transfer Funds (from other agencies).**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[#7](#) Authorized to award a grant to the County of Grafton, Haverhill, NH, in the amount of \$499,934 for the purpose of assisting five organizations to provide microenterprise training and technical assistance activities. Effective September 3, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#13](#) Authorized to amend an agreement with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5-23-14, item #36), for the provision of Shelter Plus Care Program services to homeless individuals and families, by increasing the price by \$848 from \$266,660 to \$267,508. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#33](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with B.U.R. Construction LLC, Claremont, NH, for safety improvements and reconstruction of approximately 1,000 feet of NH Route 63 along Spofford Lake in Chesterfield, on the basis of a single bid of \$341,978. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$34,197.80 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 12, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#34](#) Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to provide funding to the City of Keene, NH, to conduct an airport master plan study at the Dillant-Hopkins Airport in Keene, NH, in the amount of \$232,750. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2018. **94.74% Federal, 5.26% General Funds.**

[#117](#) Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Marlow, for a total amount of \$123,093.75 for implementation of projects identified through the evaluation of natural hazards. Effective upon G&C approval through January 9, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

[#7](#) Authorized to award a grant to the County of Grafton, Haverhill, NH, in the amount of \$499,934 for the purpose of assisting five organizations to provide microenterprise training and technical assistance activities. Effective September 3, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#28](#) Authorized the Bureau of Environment to pay the Department of Environmental Services Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund \$351,895.87 for impacts to the Piscataqua River, North Mill Road, associated tidal wetlands and tidal buffer zones, and an isolated fresh water wetland. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#46](#) Authorized the Division of Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant in the amount of \$13,000 to the Children's Museum of NH, to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% General Funds.**

[#85](#) Authorized to accept and expend \$79,284 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for implementation of the 2014 Project Special Merit: Soak Up the Rain Great Bay. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#90](#) Authorized to award an Asset Management grant to the City of Dover, NH, in the amount of \$15,000 to improve public water system management. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#92](#) Authorized to award an Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund grant to the Strafford Rivers Conservancy, in the amount of \$75,000 to acquire a conservation easement on a parcel of land totaling 82 acres in Farmington. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015. **100% Aquatic Resource Mitigation Funds.**

[#93](#) Authorized to amend a loan agreement with the City of Rochester, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 9-4-13, item #78), to finance water system improvements, by increasing the amount by \$250,000 from \$1,820,000 to \$2,070,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Repayment Funds.**

[#106](#) Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to amend a grant agreement with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, (originally approved by G&C on 1-25-12, item #86), to complete the hazard mitigation plans for the Town of Madbury, by extending the completion date from September 18, 2014 until September 17, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

[#12](#) Authorized to amend an agreement with Magellan Medicaid Administration Inc., Glen Allen, VA, (originally approved by G&C on 6-9-10, item #82), to manage pharmacy benefits for the Medicaid Program, by increasing the price by \$52,500 from \$16,187,203 to \$16,239,703. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015. **25% General, 75% Federal Funds.**

[#20](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Foundation for Healthy Communities, Concord, NH, to assist Critical Access Hospitals to improve quality of care for Medicare beneficiaries, in an amount not to exceed \$279,000. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#17](#) (Tabled on August 5, 2014) REMOVED FROM THE TABLE AND PASSED: Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into an operating agreement with the Milford-Bennington Railroad Co., Milford, NH, to provide freight service on the state-owned line. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2033. **100% Agency Income.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

Nominated by Governor Hassan

Director of Procurement and Support Services at the Department of Administrative Services

Lisa M. Pollard, Somersworth, NH*

State Committee on Aging

Russell A. Armstrong, Peterborough, NH

Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals

Serene M. Eastman, Gilford, NH

Kelly M. Reardon, Raymond, NH

Boxing and Wrestling Commission

Robert A. Stephen, Manchester, NH

Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Citizens Committee

Harry C. Brown, Stewartstown, NH

Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission

Richard M. Sanders, Monroe, NH

Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Corrections

Helen E. Hanks, Lochmere, NH

Board of Professional Engineers

Chris R. Mulleavey, Concord, NH*

Board of Fire Control

Allan R. Clark, Sugar Hill, NH

Fire Standards and Training Commission

Peter J. Lennon, Manchester, NH

Health Services Planning and Review Board

Debra S. Grabowski, Raymond, NH

Juvenile Parole Board

Donald R. Nary, Dover, NH*

Board of Landscape Architects

Greg M. Grigsby, Grantham, NH

Director of Enforcement and Licensing at the Liquor Commission

James M. Wilson, Pittsfield, NH

Board of Optometry

Susan Haskell, Dover, NH*

Real Estate Appraisers Board

Charles F. Schubert, Gilford, NH

Director of the Division of Forests and Lands at the Department of Resources and Economic Development

Brad W. Simpkins, Hopkinton, NH*

Confirmed by the Council:

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

Rebecca Ewing, Hopkinton, NH*

Stephanie A. Savard, Derry, NH

Health and Education Facilities Authority

Todd C. Emmons, New London, NH

Board of Home Inspectors

Wayne H. Moore, Epsom, NH

Joint Promotional Program Screening Committee

Cynthia Foster, Glen, NH

Land and Community Heritage Authority

William Norton, Concord, NH*

Board of Land Surveyors

William J. Doucet, Newmarket, NH

Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission

Lynn M. Presby, Freedom

Retirement System Board of Trustees

Germano M. Martins, Hooksett, NH

Director of the Division of Aeronautics, Rail and Transit at the Department of Transportation

Patrick C. Herlihy, Contoocook, NH*

Waste Management Council

Philip D'Avanza, Goffstown, NH

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